

NEWS DAY - 6/5/79

Police Brutality Alleged In Suffolk

By John McDonald

Criticism of Suffolk County police procedures, which intensified during the recent investigation of the murder of a Smithtown boy, was enlarged this week in a national lawyers' journal.

"When Suspects Are Abused" was the headline on the lead article in The National Law Journal. A smaller headline said: "Allegations of Beatings, Forced Confessions In a N.Y. Suburb Are Widespread; Cases Highlight Perils To Effective Law Enforcement."

The article is one of five stories which contend that the Suffolk Police Department has unusually high rates of confessions in murder cases and that a large number of Suffolk murder convictions are reversed by higher courts.

It further states that since 1976, Suffolk has agreed to pay \$52,100 to six persons who complained of police brutality without admitting guilt in the cases rather than go to trial. County officials say the settlements were less costly than the trials would have been.

Local lawyers, police and prosecutors interviewed yesterday said there are isolated cases of police brutality, but, they said, it does not figure in a substantial percentage of convictions or reversals.

Criticism of police procedures recently resurfaced during the investigation of the April 20 murder of John Pius, 13, of Smithtown. Lawyers for three of the four youths who are suspects in the case say their clients were illegally held for questioning while the police told their parents that the youths were not in custody. The Pius case remains unsolved.

In April, the State Court of Appeals, after reversing some convictions, ordered Suffolk police to devise a system to help lawyers find out if their clients were in custody.

Asked to comment on the article, Frederic Block, president of the Suffolk County Bar Association, said: "I'm not aware of anything that indicates the police department in Suffolk County is any different from the police department in Nassau County or New York City."

"There have never been any complaints to the bar association that I'm aware of regarding brutality or [restriction of lawyers'] access to clients. And this would be a logical repository for such complaints."

Block added that he had "no understanding that this was a widespread problem. By and large, these guys are pretty professional." He said, he would submit the articles' allegations to a bar association committee "to establish whether there's any credibility to this. If there is no credibility, the county's reputation is being besmirched."

Suffolk Police Commissioner Donald Dilworth acknowledged that police brutality complaints had increased over the years, but said this was in large measure because the department encourages the complaints. There have been 60 complaints in the first five months of this year. There were 59 during all of last year and 46 in 1977, Dilworth said.

The Suffolk County Human Rights Commission, the article said, has claimed that Suffolk police ignore complaints of brutality.

Dilworth said, "I don't need them for a conscience. If I lack the ability to investigate brutality, fine, but if we are objectively examining the problem, there's no need" for civilian review of police procedures. "I will not tolerate a brutal department," Dilworth said.

The law journal cited seven convictions that it claims were overturned because confessions were taken in the absence of counsel.

Thomas Spota, head of the district attorney's major offense bureau, took issue with the law journal's assertion that 27 of 28 murder cases solved last year involved confessions. Spota refused to comment on six pending cases, but said that incriminating statements were involved in only 16 of the remaining 22. Two defendants made no statements and four made statements saying they were innocent.

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Private eye looks for cop brutality

NEW YORK DAILY NEWS - 6/8/79

By JERRY CASSIDY

Only two days after Suffolk Police Commissioner Donald Dilworth denied there was "a pattern of brutality in the department," Suffolk County Court Judge Robert Doyle authorized a private investigator to check on alleged police brutality.

Doyle, at the request of attorney William Simon, signed the authorization after Simon claimed his client, Steven Garofolo of Kings Park, needed an investigator but couldn't afford one.

Garofolo had been imprisoned after being convicted of killing a Smithtown woman, Catherine Wilkinson, 19, in a rape attempt in 1975. That conviction was recently overturned in April by the State Court of Appeals because a written confession, obtained apparently

after Garofolo's lawyer had contacted police, was shown to the jury. A suspect cannot be questioned without his lawyer present if that lawyer has been in touch with police.

Garofolo, who remains in jail on another rape conviction of a Port Jefferson woman, is scheduled for retrial on the murder charge on June 16.

The State Court of Appeals has ordered that the signed confession be omitted from the retrial, but ruled an oral confession, made before the lawyer called, may be used.

Dilworth had held a press conference Tuesday to deny charges of police brutality, after the National Law Journal came out with an article stating "that 97% of homicide confessions are obtained by a pattern of brutality dating back a decade."

But Hank Johnson, Suffolk Human

Rights Commissioner, indicated the statistics may be misleading. "I was contacted last month by someone saying he was from the Law Journal," said Johnson, and I told him that 95% of homicide convictions involve alleged unprofessional behavior.

What it included

Unprofessional behavior includes harassment and verbal abuse — cursing at a suspect and so on."

The county has been sued successfully seven times in the past two years on allegations of brutality. But the police maintain that settling the cases out of court did not constitute an admission of wrongdoing but simply was more economically feasible.

The Court of Appeals has overturned five convictions on the basis of improper police behavior, but none because of brutality.

95-25 Queens Boulevard
Rego Park, New York 11374
June 8, 1979

Unknown Subjects;
Allegation of Brutality
Against Suffolk County Police
Department, Homicide Squad.
Published in June, 1979 "The
National Law Journal"
Civil Rights

Attached hereto is one copy each of the following
newspaper articles:

- 1) Newsday article of June 5, 1979 captioned,
"Police Brutality alleged in Suffolk".
- 2) New York Daily News article of June 8, 1979
captioned, "Private Eye Looks for Cop Bru-
tality".

As the number 1 article reflects, the June, 1979 issue of the National Law Journal contained a story titled, "Allegations of Beatings, Forced Confessions in a New York Suburb are Widespread. . . .". The story contended that there are an unusually large number of confessions in Suffolk County homicide cases which result in an equally unusual high percentage of convictions. There was a further allegation that a substantial number of these convictions are reversed by higher courts, presumably because of the alleged brutality.

The article reflects that the above allegations are supported by the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission but denied by both the Suffolk County Police Department and the Suffolk County District Attorneys Office.

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**Unknown Subjects;
Allegation of Brutality
Against Suffolk County Police
Department, Et Al**

Article number 2 reflects that a Suffolk County District Court Judge had authorized a private investigation into the alleged police brutality. The article further shows that a representative of the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission admitted that the National Law Journal story was "misleading". Court of Appeals records show that none of the overturned Suffolk County homicide convictions were based on police brutality.

Suffolk County Police Commissioner, DONALD DILWORTH, was interviewed by a Federal Bureau of Investigation Agent on June 7, 1979. Commissioner DILWORTH confirmed that there has never been a homicide conviction overturned by virtue of a police brutality complaint against his department. The Suffolk County Police Department Internal Affairs Unit has vigorously investigated all allegations of police brutality and these investigations have conclusively disproven all allegations brought against the homicide squad. He also indicated there has only been one such allegation brought against a homicide detective since 1975.

A review of New York Office indices reflect that in recent years, there have been no complaints made to the Federal Bureau of Investigation alleging brutality on the part of Suffolk County homicide detectives.

On June 8, 1979, the above set of circumstances were made known to Assistant United States Attorney MILES M. TEPPER, Eastern District of New York. It was agreed that the facts did not presently appear to constitute a violation of the Federal Civil Rights Statute.

No further investigation will, therefore, be conducted by the Brooklyn-Queens Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

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Date 6/8/79

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To: Director, FBI

From: SAC, BROOKLYN-QUEENS (44-NEW) (C)

Subject: UNSUBS; *Squad file num part* Allegation of Brutality
 Against Suffolk County Police Department, Homicide Squad, Published in
 6/79 "The National Law Journal"

ATTENTION:

- CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
 DOMESTIC SECURITY AND
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 CRIMES SECTION

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Summary of Complaint: 6/79 issue of "The National Law Journal" contained published report of allegations of police brutality against Suffolk County Police Department, Homicide Squad. Investigation by local authorities, subsequent media reports, and FBI investigation failed to disclose any corroboration of alleged brutality. AUSA, EDNY, notified.

INDICES: Negative See Summary

ACTION: UACB:

- No further action being taken and
 LHM enclosed
 FD-376 (Enc. to LHM)
 LHM being submitted
 Report being submitted
 Preliminary investigation instituted
 Limited investigation instituted
 Investigation continuing

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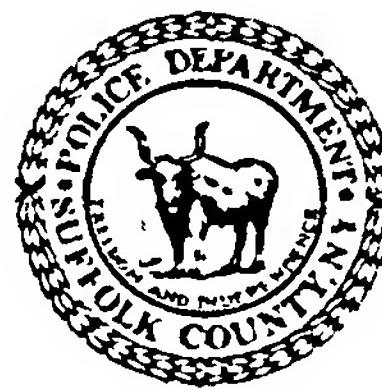
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COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



DONALD J. DILWORTH
POLICE COMMISSIONER

POLICE DEPARTMENT

TITLE

19 July 1979

~~Unsubstantiated Allegation of
Boutality Against Suffolk
County Police Department,
Homicide Squad, Published
in 6/79 "The National Law Journal."~~

Special Agent Lawrence Kennedy
Federal Bureau of Investigation
Post Office Box 4009
Garden City, New York 11530

Dear Agent Kennedy:

As per our conversation of 17 July 1979, I am providing you with a numerical count of cases which were reported to us alleging Excessive Use of Force by Police Officers. There are a total of Three Hundred Thirty Three (333) such complaints since 1 January 1975 through 30 June 1979.

The three main sources of such complaints are through the Suffolk County Human Rights Commission, a local based subdivision of the County Executive's Office created by Executive Order. We also receive "Notices of Claim" either directly in the U.S. Mail or forwarded to us from the Suffolk County Attorney's Office. As you know, the General Municipal Law, Section 50E requires that said Notices be filed within Ninety (90) days of the alleged incident or the course of action is lost. Many cases in this category are not pursued by the Attorneys who file them. The category of All Other Sources would include either complaints made in person at one of our six Precincts, made in writing to any Superior Officer and that includes, those made directly by mail to the Police Commissioner's Office. In each of these cases, an Internal Affairs control number has been assigned, an investigation conducted and a report, in writing, made to the complainant of our findings.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Very truly yours, 44-3003-4

DONALD J. DILWORTH
Commissioner
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Kennedy [initials]

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Enclosure OPEN OR REOPEN CASE 44-3003-4

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POLICE DEPARTMENT COUNTY OF SUFFOLK, NEW YORK

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

TO [redacted]

DATE: 19 July 1979 b6

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FROM: Deputy Police Commissioner

COPY TO:

Inspector [redacted]

Commanding Officer - Command #1300

UBJECT: Excessive Use of Force Cases

1975

HUMAN RIGHTS:	23
NOTICE OF CLAIM:	30
ALL OTHER SOURCES:	<u>25</u>
TOTAL	78

1976

HUMAN RIGHTS:	18
NOTICE OF CLAIM:	16
ALL OTHER SOURCES:	<u>9</u>
TOTAL	43

1977

HUMAN RIGHTS:	21
NOTICE OF CLAIM:	25
ALL OTHER SOURCES:	<u>5</u>
TOTAL	51

1978

HUMAN RIGHTS:	24
NOTICE OF CLAIM:	59
ALL OTHER SOURCES:	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	93

1979 to 30 June

HUMAN RIGHTS:	26
NOTICE OF CLAIM:	32
ALL OTHER SOURCES:	<u>10</u>
TOTAL	68

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Date 8/16/79

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
 FROM: SAC, BROOKLYN-QUEENS (44-3003) - P -

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
 Allegation of Brutality
 Against Suffolk County PD,
 Homicide Squad, Published
 in June, 1979, "The National
 Law Journal"
 CIVIL RIGHTS
 (OO:NY)

ReBQairtel to Bureau, 6/8/79.

This investigation was initially opened and closed on referenced airtel.

Subsequently, EDWARD R. KORMAN, USA for the EDNY, Brooklyn, NY, contacted the BQMRA advising that as a result of an article in the "National Law Journal", additional complaints were received alleging brutality on the part of the Suffolk County Police Department.

At Mr. KORMAN's request, the Suffolk County Police Commissioner DONALD DILWORTH was interviewed and requested to furnish a number of complaints alleging excessive use of force by members of his department since 1/1/75. DILWORTH subsequently advised 333 such complaints were received. DILWORTH contends that many of these complaints were generated by the Human Rights Commission in Suffolk County to keep the commission's budget and appointive positions secure from budget cuts by the county.

This case has been reopened by the BQMRA and a meeting has been scheduled for 8/28/79, between the USA's Office in the EDNY and the SAC, BQMRA.

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Bureau will be advised of pertinent developments.

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Allegation of Brutality
Against Suffolk County PD,
Homicide Squad, Published
in June, 1979, "The National
Law Journal"
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ReBQairtel to Bureau, 8/16/79.

On 8/28/79, SAC EDWIN SHARP met with AUSA ZACHARY CARTER, the Civil Rights Coordinator for the EDNY and [redacted] Trial Attorney, USDJ, Washington, D. C.

[redacted] advised that she has the primary responsibility at the Justice Department for this matter and will be on the scene in NY for several months working with the staff at the EDNY.

CARTER and [redacted] advised that preliminary research indicates that approximately 100 allegations of alleged brutality on the part of the Suffolk County PD will require investigation.

Sufficient personnel of the BQMRA will be assigned as needed to insure prompt and adequate coverage to fulfill its investigative responsibilities.

Bureau will be kept advised of pertinent developments.

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49. That by reason of said joint, several and concurring acts and omissions of the defendants, their agents and/or employees, on information and belief, including arranging for plaintiff's indictment on a totally baseless charge of resisting arrest, for the sole purpose of covering up police brutality, all uniting therein and without fault on plaintiff's part, he was deprived of his freedom and prevented, for a substantial period, from attending to his personal activities, his property was taken from him while he was in custody, his physical and mental health were impaired and other damages referred to above resulted.

50. On information and belief, the acts of defendants, their agents and employees were wilful, concerted, done maliciously and knowingly in furtherance of some purpose, or purposes, personal to one or more of them.

Count V

51. The allegations set forth in paragraphs 1. through 50. are incorporated herein by reference.

52. On information and belief heretofore and on or about the 10th day of July, 1975 and thereafter, in the County of Suffolk, the defendants, their agents and/or employees, acting in the County of Suffolk's interest, under color of law or authority, maliciously, wantonly, illegally and without just cause or provocation, engaged in conduct toward the plaintiff and certain of his relatives for the purpose of threatening, harassing and intimidating him and persons in a position to act on his behalf.

53. That, on information and belief, such conduct of the defendants included making threatening remarks to plaintiff's father, depriving plaintiff of necessary medical treatment and, on or about the 29th day of October, 1975, detaining him for over an hour, issuing traffic summonses to him and inquiring about his intention to complain of police brutality.

54. By reason of all the aforesaid joint, several and concurring acts

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FILE NUMBER 44-3004 CL

SUBJECT Unsub(s), Police Officials, Suffolk Co., Lt, NY,
Unknown Victim, Civil Rights
AND

FILE NUMBER 44-3003

SUBJECT ...
against Suffolk County Police Department

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO : SAC BROOKLYN/QUEENS (44-3003)

DATE: 9/27/79

FROM : SA [redacted] (GCRA)

SUBJECT: UNSUBS;
ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY AGAINST
SUFFOLK COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
HOMICIDE SQUAD, PUBLISHED IN JUNE,
1979 "THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL"
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In view of the extended press coverage currently being afforded captioned case, Sub File A will be designated for all newspaper clippings.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Brooklyn/Queens, New York
December 21, 1979In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.Unknown Subjects; Allegations
of Brutality Against Suffolk
County Police Department,
Homicide Squad, Published in
June, 1979, "The National Law
Journal"
Civil Rights

On December 20, 1979, Attorney [redacted] was contacted. [redacted] advised that his client, [redacted] would be unavailable, inasmuch as a current State Grand Jury is in progress regarding his [redacted] criminal charges.

[redacted] advised that he would contact this office during January, 1980, for an appointment.

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Date 12/21/79

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, BROOKLYN/QUEENS (44-3003) (P)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
 DOMESTIC SECURITY AND
 TERRORISM SECTION
 PERSONAL AND PROPERTY
 CRIMES SECTION

Subject: UNSUBS; ALLEGATIONS OF BRUTALITY
 AGAINST SUFFOLK COUNTY PD, HOMICIDE
 SQUAD, PUBLISHED IN JUNE, 1979,
 "THE NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL"
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ReBuairtel to Brooklyn/Queens, 11/5/79.

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 EID Bomb Threats

Summary of Complaint:

INDICES: Negative See Summary

ACTION: UACB:

- No further action being taken and
 LHM enclosed
 FD-376 (Enc. to LHM)
 LHM being submitted
 Report being submitted
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 2-Bklyn/Qu. Limited investigation instituted
 Investigation continuing

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To: Director, FBI
From: SAC, BROOKLYN-QUEENS (44-3003)

ATTENTION:

- GENERAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
 CRIMINAL SECTION
 INTELLIGENCE DIVISION

Subject: UNSUBS; Allegations of Brutality
Against Suffolk County PD, Homicide
Squad, Published in June, 1979,
"The National Law Journal"

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Re: BQ FD-365, 12/21/79.

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Special Agent in Charge



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
Brooklyn-Queens, New York
January 25, 1980

In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.

Unknown Subjects;
Allegations of Brutality Against
Suffolk County Police Department,
Homicide Squad, Published in June, 1979,
"The National Law Journal"

[REDACTED] Attorney at Law, 70 Davis Road,
Port Washington, New York, advised he has sent all of his
records concerning [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]
including medical releases obtained from them, to Assistant
United States Attorney (AUSA) Zachary Carter, Eastern
District of New York (EDNY) in December, 1979.

He advised his client, [REDACTED] did
not receive any medical treatment.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Brooklyn/Queens, New York

March 24, 1980

In Reply, Please Refer to
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Unknown Subjects;
Allegation of Brutality
Against Suffolk County
Police Department Homicide
Squad, Published in June,
1979, "The National Law Journal"

On February 28, 1980, [redacted] Deputy Police Commissioner, Suffolk County Police Department (SCPD), Yaphank, New York (NY). was contacted relative to furnishing [redacted]

[redacted] Deputy Commissioner [redacted] had previously been contacted by Special Agent (SA) [redacted] and he agreed to make these available. It is noted that his department has been served with a subpoena issued by a Grand Jury in the Eastern District of New York (EDNY), Brooklyn, NY, covering all b3 b6 b7C of the items requested.

Deputy Commissioner [redacted] advised that inasmuch as he did not know how much [redacted]

the premises. [redacted] presently was in the possession of the Homicide Division.

Additionally, he advised that he was postponing turning over the [redacted] Sergeant [redacted] until he received an opinion from the County Attorney, inasmuch as he believed it desirable to protect himself from any possible liability.

[redacted] turned over to SA [redacted] were, by his own admission, incomplete.

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Against Suffolk County Police
Department Homicide Squad,
Published in June, 1979,
"The National Law Journal"

This situation was discussed with Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) [redacted] on March 3, 1980, and [redacted] said he would be out-of-town for two weeks commencing March 7, 1980. Upon his return, he indicated he would rely on the formality of the subpoena to have files in the possession of the Suffolk County Police Department delivered to his office or possibly to the Garden City Resident Agency. Additionally, he is of the opinion that he will have [redacted] appear before a Grand Jury in the near future.

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Date 3/24/80

To: Director, FBI

ATTENTION:

From: SAC, BROOKLYN/QUEENS (44-3003) (P)

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION
 CIVIL RIGHTS SECTION
 DOMESTIC SECURITY AND
 TERRORISM SECTION
 PERSONAL AND PROPERTY
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Subject: UNSUBS; ALLEGATION OF
 BRUTALITY AGAINST SUFFOLK
 COUNTY PD HOMICIDE SQUAD,
 PUBLISHED IN JUNE, 1979 "THE
 NATIONAL LAW JOURNAL"

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 DOJ-CR Division. Also enclosed are 3 sets of newspaper
 articles and 2 copies of a letter from the Suffolk County PD.

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Summary of Complaint:

Contact with AUSA, EDNY.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

TO

SAC (44-A-3003) - C -

DATE: 8/26/80

FROM

SA LAWRENCE D. KENNEDY
GARDEN CITY RA

SUBJECT

UNSUBS;
Allegations of Brutality
Against Suffolk County Police Dept.
Homicide Squad Published in
June, 1979 National Law Journal.
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(OO:BQ).

This investigation was opened at the request
of the Bureau with a lead to interview [redacted]
an attorney whose practice is confined to civil rights
cases and who was prominently mentioned in captioned
National Law Journal article.

Information was obtained from [redacted]
concerning all of his clients and was forwarded to the
Bureau and the USA, EDNY, by report.

The Bureau advised BQMRA to open individual
cases on those victims mentioned in this report and this
was done.

This case is, therefore, being closed
administratively since no purpose is served by keeping
it in a pending status.

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